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USIA FOR KENNEDY

BRUSSELS FOR GIULIANO

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SUBJECT: FACILITATIVE ASSISTANCE: MAHER AKILI

REF: A. GIULIANO/KENNEDY LETTER OF 2/21; B. KENNEDY/SCOTES
LETTER OF 3/6.

1. VIA REFS USINT LEARNED THAT MAHER AKILI, SYRIAN
MUSICIAN, HAS ASKED USG ASSISTANCE IN ARRANGING VISIT
TO U.S. IN JUNE OR JULY OF THIS YEAR. AKILI IS
WELL KNOWN TO STAFF AS SUPPORTER AND REGULAR PARTICIPANT
IN MISSION PROGRAMS PRIOR TO 1967 WAR. WE SUPPORT
HIS REQUEST FOR FACILITATIVE ASSISTANCE AND WOULD
APPRECIATE ANY HELP ICS CULTURAL COOPERATIONS DIVISION
COULD PROVIDE.

2. WE NOTE AKILI IS INTERESTED IN "CULTURAL DIALOGUE"
WITH AMERICANS. STAFF REPORTS HE WAS VERY EFFECTIVE
IN THIS ROLE HERE IN DAMASCUS BEFORE 1967 WAR. STAFF
SAYS HE TOOK PERSONAL INITIATIVE TO FORM GROUPS AND
PROGRAMS ALONG THESE LINES. IN ADDITION, HE
WAS MEMBER OF QUINTET WHICH PRESENTED WEEKLY
MUSICAL EVENING AT CENTER.

3. USINT HOPES AKILI MIGHT MEET AMERICAN MUSICIANS
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AND PERHAPS PRESENT CONCERT OR TWO. ALSO WOULD

LIKE VOA TO CONSIDER BROADCASTING CONCERT AND INTERVIEW.

4. FOR USIA: PLEASE INFORM CAO GIOLIANO IN BRUSSELS
WHAT ASSISTANCE CAN BE PROVIDED AS AKILI CURRENTLY
THERE.
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